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Japanese Utility Model Patent Application No. 6-16964  
Japanese Laid-open Patent Application No. 2-149872

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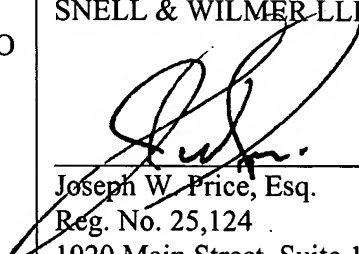
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